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1. A handheld device for rapidly and easily inputting
text, comprising: a display for showing the input of text; and
3 a touch pad disposed adjacent said display that simulates a
4 keyboard, said touch pad being pressure sensitive, wherein
5 finger pressure will input textual information upon said
6 display.

1 2. The handheld device in accordance with claim 1,
wherein said device further comprises means for indicating
3 finger positions on said touch pad.

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1 3. The handheld device in accordance with claim 1,
wherein said device further comprises means for adjusting
2 pressure threshold of said touch pad, below which said display
3 is dormant and above which said finger positions are
displayed.

1 4. The handheld device in accordance with claim 1,
2 wherein said touch pad comprises a keyboard simulated for
3 ergonomic placement of fingers.

1. 5. The handheld device in accordance with claim 1,
2 wherein said touch pad comprises a simulated standard keyboard
3 configuration.

1 6. The handheld device in accordance with claim 1,
2 wherein said touch pad comprises a multiplicity of finger
3 sensitive pressure zones.

1 7. The handheld device in accordance with claim 1,
2 wherein said touch pad is positioned behind said display.

2 8. The handheld device in accordance with claim 1,
wherein said display comprises an LCD screen.

1 9. The handheld device in accordance with claim 1,
2 wherein said display comprises means for displaying text in a
3 word processing format.

1. 10. The handheld device in accordance with claim 1,
2 wherein said touch pad comprises means for adjusting finger
3 pressure necessary for activating said keyboard and inputting
4 text.

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2 a3 > 11. A ~~handheld portable electronic device~~ for inputting
text in a relatively rapid manner, comprising:

3 a display for showing the input of text; and

a touch pad disposed adjacent said display that
simulates a keyboard, said touch pad being pressure
sensitive, wherein finger pressure inputs finger
positions and textual information upon said display.

12. The handheld portable electronic device in
accordance with claim 11, wherein said device further
comprises means for distinguishing thresholds for pressure
4 applied to said touch pad.

1. 13. The handheld portable electronic device in
2 accordance with claim 12, wherein pressure below a
3 predetermined threshold applied to said touch pad by the
4 fingers of a user results in said display indicating positions
5 of said fingers relative to said touch pad and pressure above
6 said predetermined threshold applied to said touch pad by the
7 fingers of a user results in said textual information being
8 entered into said device and displayed on said display.

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accordance with claim 11, wherein said touch pad comprises a
keyboard simulated for ergonomic placement of fingers.

15. The handheld portable electronic device in
accordance with claim 11, wherein said touch pad comprises a
~~simulated standard keyboard configuration.~~

16. The handheld portable electronic device in
accordance with claim 11, wherein said touch pad comprises a
multiplicity of finger sensitive pressure pads.

1 17. The handheld portable electronic device in
2 accordance with claim 11, wherein said touch pad is positioned
3 behind said display.

1 18. The handheld portable electronic device in
2 accordance with claim 11, wherein said display comprises an
3 LCD screen.

1 19. The handheld portable electronic device in
2 accordance with claim 11, wherein said display comprises means
3 for displaying text in a word processing format.

1 20. The handheld portable electronic device in
2 accordance with claim 11, wherein said touch pad comprises
3 means for adjusting finger pressure necessary for activating
4 said touch pad and inputting text.